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Group No.: 1765 Examiner: Matthew S. Song

For: COMPOSITION FOR CHEMICAL

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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

1. Transmitted herewith is an amendment for this application.

STATUS

2. Applicant is other than a small entity.

EXTENSION OF TERM

3. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136 apply. Applicant believes that a three month extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

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FEE FOR CLAIMS

4. The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

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Claims Remaining After Amendment			Highest No. Previously Paid For	Present Extra	Rate	Addit. Fee		
Total	25	Minus	43	= 0	x \$18 =	\$0.00		
Indep.	21	Minus	3	=0	x \$88 =	\$0.00		
First Presentation of Multiple Dependent Claim					+ \$300 =	\$0		
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EXTENSION OF TIME

6. Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 (fees: 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a)(1)-(4)) for three months:

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FEE DEFICIENCY

7. If any additional extension and/or fee is required, charge Account No. 502518. If any additional fee for claims is required, charge Account No. 502518.

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